

## Message Text

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y T A G S I N F O

E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PROP, CPAS, CZ  
SUBJECT: RETURNED EMIGRE TELLS HORROR STORIES ABOUT USA

1. TV NEWS AUGUST 3 CARRIED PRESS CONFERENCE IN BRATISLAVA  
FEATURING JOZEF DANO, 50 YEAR OLD SLOVAK WHO ILLEGALLY  
LEFT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1953 AND IMMIGRATED TO US IN 1956,  
APPARENTLY AS REFUGEE. DANO SAID THAT IN 1962 HE BECAME  
AMERICAN CITIZEN, BUT RETURNED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA THIS YEAR AND  
HAS REQUESTED RETURN OF CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENSHIP.

2. IN PREPARED STATEMENT AND IN REPLIES TO QUESTIONS FROM  
JOURNALISTS (ASSUME FBIS WILL HAVE TEXT) DANO RECITED STANDARD  
LITANY OF HORRORS OF LIFE IN CAPITALIST JUNGLE. IN STATEMENT  
HE EMPHASIZED FBI AND CIA PRESSURES ON EMIGRES AND  
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CAME DOWN ESPECIALLY HARD ON WORLD SLOVAK CONGRESS, WHICH  
AS EUR/EE IS AWARE IS CURRENT PET HATE OF REGIME. RFE,  
VOA AND COUNCIL OF FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA ALSO WERE ATTACKED.

3. ALL NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 4 CARRY EXTENDED REPORTS  
ON PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: ON WHOLE, PROGRAM WAS STANDARD CZECHO-SLOVAK PROPAGANDE OPERATION, RATHER AMATEURISHLY EXECUTED. OF INTEREST, HOWEVER, IS THAT CONSULAR OFFICERS HAVE RECENTLY HEARD FROM NATURALIZED AMCITS VISITING RELATIVES HERE OF OCCASIONAL INSTANCES OF QUESTIONING BY POLICE AND OF ONE ATTEMPT AT RECRUITMENT, IN WHICH THRUST OF QUESTIONS WAS ABOUT FBI--DO YOU KNOW ANY FBI AGENTS? DO YOU KNOW ANY EMIGRES WHO ASSIST FBI? ETC.

5. WE ASSUME WE WILL EVENTUALLY BE IN CONTACT WITH DANO TO COMPLETE CERTIFICATE OF LOSS OF NATIONALITY.

DECONTROL 4 YEARS FROM ORIGINATING DATE.  
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